Selected Baetry.

Childhood Land. There is a beautiful, far off land, Lying in sunlit seas; But never a ship to that magic strand

Was wafted by fitful breeze. For where her radient shores unfold, Night stretches her purple bars, And fastens it in with her gates of gold, And guards it with sentry stars.

Over the fathomless summer skies, Snowy clouds come and go: Through every valley that dreaming lies, Musical rivers flow. Mountain and forest, and glen, and glade,

By the soft south wind fanned, Birds and blossoms that never fade, Brighten this fairy land.

Every vanished, forgotten day Scatters its sunshine there; Buds unfolding that pars away, Are living more fresh and fair. Loving deeds that the bands have done-Sheaves of life's ripered grain; Work unfinished that souls begun, Made perfect, there live again.

Men have sought it for weary years, Yet ne'er to their yearning eyes The glow of the mystic tie appears Where the land of the beautiful lies. Yet all have wandered its bright vales through In the quiet of peaceful bours; Each heart the calm of its joy once knew, And the sweet of its deathless flowers.

But hour by hour from the hidden shore Our feet have journeying gone; And days that have faded can know no more The light of its tender dawn. Yet we may find in the great Somewhere, Its stretches of pearl-mbite strand; The bloom and beauty that dwelling there Makes Heaven the Childbood Land.

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How a Circus was Broke Up. the same enjoyment.

A number of years ago when The clown, assuming a comical Michigan was a new country, in attitude, remarked to the ring Livingston county, there lived a master that his grandfather was a family by the name of Clayton and one called Perkins also—as grandmother, too, but that gal well as a great many others.

well as a great many others.

Pete Clayton was a tall, fine looking fellow—a noble specimen closely followed by Sal, and jumpof our back-woodsmen—standing ing into the ring, he squared off six feet two inches in his stock- at the clown, and said:

Sally Perkins, and it was known fly at his opponent, and taking in fact that they were engaged, him plump in the face, sent him but the day when the knot was to to mother earth, at which he be tied had never yet been di- jumped on him and commenced

June's circus came through their ring clapping her hands, and town for the first time, and in fact sang out:
in was the first circus that had "That's it, Pete, give him jesever passed that way, and there were a great many people who had never seen one. When the important day arrived, the town was filled to overflow with a letter and commenced to thrash mothly crowd, of course, and every young fellow had his gal—ed; and a general fight ensued, Now Pete wanted to get married which completely broke up the on the coming Christmas, but Sal-ly wished to have it put off till the next spring. When the ticket wagon was opened, the tent was filled in a hurry. Pete and Sally had been looking in the side shows

" Never mind," said Sal, "I'd just as lieve stand up."

But the gallant Pete couldn't think of it, and said, "Wait a min't I'll get you a chair," and off he started, leaving Sal alone.

Just at this moment the clown came in, dressed in his usual cos tume, and dancing around the ring, stopped in front of Sal and began

to sing : " Oh Sally is the gal for me." This caused Sal to blush, for she thought that the clown was looking at her. As she stood near the ring, of course she hid the view of those on the lower seats behind her, and as usual on such occasions, the clown cracked his THOS R. McGAHAN jokes at the offenders until they take the hint and find a seat, but she said she would rather stand At this the clown commenced his joke, remarking to the

There's a chance for me

ring master :

" A chance for you !" Yes; don't you see that gal has lost her bean, and she is looking at me, I know," and turning three or four somersaults, he stopped in front of Sal, and began to sing :

" Oh Sally is the gal for me, I would have no other, And if Sal died to-morrow night, I'd marry Sally's mother."

This was evidently meant for her and raised Sal's dander. and she burst out with-

"I'm the gal for you. am I ?-Marry my mother, will yer?-You low-lived spotted scum of the earth. If my fellow was here he would wallop you for that. I wouldn't stay here another minit— We have laughed heartily over the following ludicrone story, and would not deprive our readers of rushed out of the tent amid roars of laughter.

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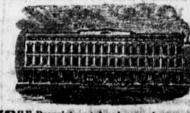
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